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## Easter Raffle

St Felix Parish is conducting an Easter hamper raffle, with proceeds raised going directly to our Parish. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. The raffle will be drawn next Sunday, 9th April after 10.00am Mass and the winner will be advertised in the Easter Bulletin.

CCI has kindly donated this hamper prize to our Parish, valued over RRP\$150. As the Church's own insurance company CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and its community. As part of their commitment to serve, CCI offers a range of personal insurance products for the whole Catholic community: \* Home & Contents \* Car \* Personal Accident \* Travel \* Landlord \* Caravan. For more information call 1300 655 003 or visit [www.catholicinsurance.org.au](http://www.catholicinsurance.org.au)



## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Ari Nicholas Villahermosa*  
*Emily Tracey Christine Abigail Freeman*

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



## The Dry Bones of our Faith

The Word of God reveals to us that sin entered this world through human folly in believing we could be like God, but also that sin is defeated and we can become the people we were always meant to be, by the grace of God through Jesus Christ. God's hand has touched the dry bones of our faith, His Word has breathed new life where there was death, His spirit raised us up from where we lay, his love has brought us home and to the Cross of Christ, and by His grace we stand forgiven, free.

## Holy Week Roster

A blank roster for the Holy Week Masses is now in the sacristy. Please write your name next to the appropriate job for the particular Mass in which you can assist.



**Holy Thursday - 7.30pm Mass with prayers continuing until midnight.**

**Good Friday - 10.30am Stations of the Cross, Youth re-enactment; 3.00pm The Lord's Passion.**

**Easter Saturday - 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass.**

**Easter Sunday - 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm Masses.**



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**Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).**

**Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am**

**This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.**

**Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm Benediction.**

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** Please contact priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**SICK CALLS:** Anytime. If you know of anyone who needs

## Semiti

Semiti says, "Through the voice of the poor we can become one, and it's very powerful."

Semiti grew up in an informal, or 'squatter', settlement in Fiji. More than a quarter of Fiji's people live in these settlements, with little hope of finding permanent housing and land. Their situation is particularly vulnerable – many live in unstable shelters, and there is a constant threat of extreme climate events. Children have few opportunities for education, and unemployment levels are high. There is little access to public services such as roads, water supply, electricity and garbage collection.

Now Semiti is working together with other residents of informal settlements to make positive changes. He is the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN), which Caritas Australia supports. PCN helps empower landless people in Fiji, enabling them to address the issues that affect their lives. The network helps people in each settlement to advocate together to improve their living conditions. They work in committees on issues relating to health and hygiene; care of the elderly and of women who need empowerment; education needs; and unemployment.

Semiti and other informal settlement residents tell how PCN helps them work together as neighbours, in solidarity. Through their participation in housing, savings and education programs, they have formed common bonds, and have grown in resilience and in dignity.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in Fiji to undertake training that will empower them to work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.**



# 5th Sunday of Lent - A - 2 April 2017





## God is life

An elderly lady, who lived on the third floor of a boarding house, broke her leg. As the doctor put a cast on it, he warned her not to climb any stairs. Several months later, the doctor took off the cast. "Can I climb stairs now?" asked the little old lady. "Yes" he replied. "Thank goodness!" she said "I'm sick & tired of shinnying up & down that drainpipe!"

In the Gospel today we were told Lazarus has been dead for four days, his physical dead body was deteriorated and stunk. Jesus assures Martha that her brother will rise from death. "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live." If we truly believe in Jesus when we die, in the way explained above we will come to live in a new way. The Lazarus story is not something that happened 2000 years ago. It still speaks to our faith lives now. Jesus wanted to show that God has power to overcome death. Our God is a God of the living, not of the dead. God is life. God is love. God is truth. God doesn't want us to die. God wants us to live and live our life to the full. Like Martha who objects to have the tomb re-opened when Jesus asks "take away the stone," we can behave in the same way. We can persist in imprisoning ourselves in grief, anger, hatred, prejudice, pride and refuse to open ourselves to Jesus to be healed and to be alive.

Let us pray that we can listen well to Jesus' call "come out!" and be opened to new life and freedom in Christ.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

613 Christ's death is both the Paschal sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world', and the sacrifice of the new Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the 'blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'.

This week's Readings - Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; Gospel - John 11:1-45

### Palms

If anyone has any palms they can bring to the Church for next week please let Fr Dominic know.

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated in the Church every Tuesday during Lent at 7.00pm.

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC meeting will be on Tuesday 4th April commencing at 7.30pm.

### Deacon Richard Thanks you

Deacon Richard wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, condolences and words of encouragement towards the loss of his sister Betty Bukirwa. Special thanks to those who were part of the Memorial Mass for Betty last Friday night and for the support towards the family. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

### Easter Triduum singers & musicians needed

All singers and musicians are invited to join in the Parish Choir who will be singing for Palm Sunday 10am, Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3pm and Easter Vigil 7pm. Rehearsals will be held on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th April, 2017 at 7pm in the Church. Please contact Lyne on 0410568103 if you are able to attend. Thank you.

### St Felix Working Bee

A working bee will be held next Saturday 8th April at 9.00am. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Bring your old clothes and paint brush or working gloves for cleaning and painting. A BBQ and friendly soccer match will follow.



### Happy Birthday Enid

Congratulations to Enid Snedden who turned 90 last week.  
May God's blessings continue to shower on you  
and your family.



### Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Betty Bukirwa; Vladik Akulinin



**Anniversary:** Jack Zucco; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Danny Obeid; Giuse Nguyen Duc Lien; Maria Vu Thi Hoa; Michael Pham; Anna, Phero & Raymondo.

**Deceased:** Zwain & Salam Chadrawy; Gergis, Marie & Fannie Chadrawy; Pauline Chadrawy & husband; Daniel & Rashide Chadrawy; Hanna Chadrawy; Merchad & Emila Maklouf; Anthony, John & Joseph Maklouf; Antoinette & Eva Maklouf; Joseph Mowad & Charles Paul; Mary Chadrawy; deceased members of Edwards family; GB Vu Minh Hiep; Micae Pham Kim Ro;

Phanxico Savie & Anna.

**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; Christine Formosa; Maria Tuu Nguyen; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspani; Tim Logue; Jeanette Chong; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Ethan Chau.

### Next Weekend - Palm Sunday - Year A

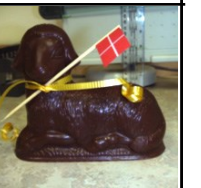
Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel - Matthew 26:14 - 27:66.

### Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Sydney

On Saturday, 8 April from 09:30am to 4:30pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch, afternoon tea, and inspiring talks. This year we have three fantastic speakers who will present the sessions: • Bishop Richard Umbers • Fr. Brendan Purcell • Fr. James Baxter OP The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: <http://www.trybooking.com/PERK> or (02) 8204 4189.

### Chocolate Pascal Lambs

Chocolate Pascal Lambs will be selling from this weekend. The cost per lamb will be \$8.00. The money raised will go toward the running of the Parish. We wish to thank St Michael Mission Society Inc. for making and providing us with these beautiful chocolates.



### "Life has changed not ended"

One day silent retreat guided by Verbum Dei Missionaries, reflecting on the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus for us. April 8th, at the Centre, 4 France's Street, Randwick. For bookings/information contact: [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or 9341 5848 or Louise [0402 374 751](tel:0402374751)

**Altar Society: 9/4/17 Group 2:** Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Nora Campbell, Anna & Willy Gabut, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 9/4/17** A Nguyen **16/4/17** John Ashe

**Church Cleaners: 7/4/17:** Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 9th April - HOLIDAYS

**Weekend Choir:** **Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir  
**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God **10am** - St Felix Choir

### Readers & Ministers

|   | Sat 6pm          | 2 APRIL          | 8am                | 10am               | 6pm |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----|
| C | Emmanuel Icard   | Mary Buckley     | Emanuela Viner     | Lucia Mezentsef    |     |
| R | Patrick Abourizk | Thuy Linh Nguyen | Thu Ha Kim         | Kathleen Mezentsef |     |
| A | Tuyen Tran (A)   | Joseph Cao (A)   | Anthony Joseph (A) | Thanh Vu (A)       |     |
| M | Emmanuel Icard   | Maria Huong      | Thong Tran         | Amelia Mezentsef   |     |
| M | Gloria Booby     | Robyn Molloy     | Joe Luongo         | Judy Jones         |     |

### 9 APRIL (PALM SUNDAY)

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|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| C | Stephen Hoang  | Philip Castillo | Jennifer Nguyen  | Elias Eltarraf   |
| R | Gloria Booby   | Ligaya Castillo | Anthony Rowe     | Anthony Eltarraf |
| A | Joseph Bui (A) | Joseph Cao (A)  | Thong Tran (A)   | Thanh Vu (A)     |
| M | Emmanuel Icard | Mesake Mar      | Jessie Kovacevic | Paul Ngoc        |
| M | Tuyen Tran     | Madelyn Nicole  | Tu Nguyen        | Loreto Eduardo   |